

SENATE RESOLUTION 22

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lauren Lyke of Strawberry Plains upon being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Lyke, an esteemed resident of Strawberry Plains and a senior at Jefferson County High School in Dandridge, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a Distinguished Finalist for a 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished Finalist in the program, Lauren Lyke was chosen in response to her leadership role in a project she designed named "Lyke New," which gave

several young women in Jefferson County a chance to participate in their high school prom; Ms. Lyke solicited donations of gently used formal gowns to loan to young ladies wishing to go to the prom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lyke's program ensured the cherished and lasting memory of the high school prom for several young women in the area and helped their families alleviate the cost of a new dress for their daughters; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Lyke who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate and honor Lauren Lyke as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit; and extend our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.